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SUBJ: EUROPEAN COUNCIL, JULY 6-7, 1978: AGENDA

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(C) BRUSSELS 12711 (D) COPENHAGEN 2340

(E) BRUSSELS 12799 (F) COPENHAGEN 4243

1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO MEMBER STATE PERMREP SOURCES,
THE JULY 6-7 EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING IN BREMEN WILL
CONCENTRATE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON A SINGLE AGENDA ITEM:
A COMMON COMMUNITY ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STRATEGY, COMPRIS-
ING CONCERTED ACTION FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH, COOPERATION
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IN THE MONETARY SECTOR, AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITY IN RE-
LATED FIELDS, SUCH AS INTERNATIONAL TRADE, ENERGY,
EMPLOYMENT, INTERNAL MARKET, STRUCTURAL AND REGIONAL
POLICY, MEDITERRANEAN AGRICULTURE, AND LDC RELATIONS.
TWO OTHER AGENDA ITEMS--RELATIONS WITH JAPAN AND PREPARA-
TIONS FOR THE BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT--WILL LIKELY NOT BE
DISCUSSED SEPARATELY BY THE EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, BUT

WILL PROBABLY BE SUBSUMED INSTEAD UNDER THE OVERALL DISCUSSION OF COMMON STRATEGY. THE FINAL ITEM ON THE SUMMIT AGENDA WILL BE POLITICAL COOPERATION DISCUSSION OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA. A MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SUMMIT AGENDA FOLLOWS BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. COMMON STRATEGY:

OUR SOURCES EXPECT THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR SUMMIT AGREEMENT ON ANY ASPECTS OF A COMMON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STRATEGY WILL DEPEND HEAVILY ON POSITIONS ADOPTED BY THE FRG, FRANCE, AND THE UK, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO ECONOMIC GROWTH AND MONETARY COOPERATION. ONE SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT RECENTLY SENT A LETTER TO SEVERAL OF HIS COUNTERPARTS IN SMALLER EC STATES TO INFORM THEM OF THE RESULTS OF SEPARATE TALKS HE HAS HELD WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING AND UK PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN; REPORTEDLY THIS LETTER ALSO INDICATES THAT THE THREE MEN PLAN TO HOLD A TRILATERAL MEETING IN BREMEN BEFORE THE SUMMIT CONVENES. FOLLOWING UP ON DISCUSSIONS BY THE JUNE 19 EC FINANCE COUNCIL (REF A), PREPARATIONS FOR SUMMIT DISCUSSION OF CONCERTED ACTION ARE CONTINUING IN THE JUNE 30 MEETING OF THE EC COORDINATING COMMITTEE. THE EC MONETARY COMMITTEE HAS CIRCULATED A SUMMARY OF THE COUNCIL'S CONCLUSIONS IN THE MONETARY AREA (TEXT REPORTED SEPTEL). SEE ALSO SEPTEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON EC MONETARY ARRANGEMENTS. A POTENTIALLY DIVISIVE ISSUE EXISTS ON THE QUESTION OF EC ENERGY GOALS FOR 1985 (REF B), WHICH COREPER HAS BEEN UNABLE TO RESOLVE, AND WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE RAISED AT BREMEN, OVER STRONG BRITISH OBJECTIONS, BY THE FRENCH AND THE COMMISSION. DISCUSSION OF OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE COMMON STRATEGY WILL BE BASED ON DEBATE BY THE JUNE 26-27 FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL (REF C) AND THE JUNE 29 SOCIAL COUNCIL (SEE SEPTEL). OUR SOURCES EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THAT THE KEY ELEMENTS OF A COMMON STRATEGY WILL BE ECONOMIC GROWTH, MONETARY COOPERATION, AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE, AND THAT, ALTHOUGH POSSIBLY CONTENTIOUS, OTHER ISSUES (SUCH AS ENERGY) WILL PLAY A DISTINCTLY SUBSIDIARY ROLE IN SUMMIT DEBATE.

3. RELATIONS WITH JAPAN:

OUR SOURCES SAY THAT JAPAN IS ON THE AGENDA AS A SEPARATE ITEM ONLY FOR COSMETIC REASONS: THE APRIL EUROPEAN COUNCIL (REF D) AGREED THAT THE COMMISSION AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SHOULD REPORT TO THE JULY SUMMIT ON THE STATE OF EC/JAPANESE TRADE; AND THE UK INSISTS ON KEEPING

HIGH-LEVEL EC DISCUSSIONS ON THIS ISSUE IN THE PUBLIC
(AND JAPANESE) EYE. IN FACT, MOST SUMMIT DISCUSSION
ON JAPAN IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE CONTEXT OF
OVERALL DISCUSSION OF A COMMON STRATEGY, EVEN THOUGH THE
COMMISSION WILL SUB MIT A SEPARATE REPORT ON THE RESULTS
OF RECENT TALKS IT HAS HELD WITH JAPANESE OFFICIALS
(REF E).

4. PREPARATIONS FOR BONN SUMMIT:

DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY POSITIONS TO BE PRESENTED BY
SCHMIDT (AS EUROPEAN COUNCIL PRESIDENT) AND COMMISSION
PRESIDENT JENKINS AT THE BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT WILL
NECESSARILY BE TIED TO THE DISCUSSION OF A COMMON
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STRATEGY. NO SEPARATE DEBATE IS ENVISAGED.

5. POLITICAL COOPERATION:

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